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Agriculture

House Deals Farm Bill Unexpected Bipartisan Defeat, Making Path Forward Unclear

The outlook turned uncertain for federal farm program reauthorization in 2013 after the defeat of a bipartisan bill (H.R. 1947) on the House floor June 20....

Air Pollution

EPA Wants Input on Solid Waste Landfill Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking representatives for a small business advocacy review panel to evaluate new source performance standards for municipal solid waste landfills. Nominees can be from small businesses, governments,...

Air Pollution

Los Angeles International Airport Area Meets Federal, State Air Standards, Study Shows

LOS ANGELES—Air quality in communities near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is within national and California health-based standards, according to a study prepared for the airport....

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Air Pollution

Monitors at Two California Airports Show Violations of Lead Air Standard, EPA Says

Preliminary data from air quality monitors at two small airports in California show violations of the air quality standard for lead, according to the Environmental Protection Agency....

Climate Change

Cities Taking Action on Climate Change Save Money, Attract Investment, Report Says

Cities that are taking action on climate change are saving on energy costs and potentially attracting new business investment, according to a new report released June 20 by the Carbon Disclosure Project and a group of global cities. ...

Climate Change

Drought Conditions Worsen in West, Update Says

Drought conditions in the West continue to worsen after what the Natural Resources Conservation Service called an "underwhelming winter overall" in its Weekly Snowpack/Drought Monitor Update. The report, which was issued June...

Climate Change

Feinstein Preparing Carbon Fee Legislation That Would Apply Only to Power Utilities

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) told BNA June 20 she is preparing legislation that would impose a fee of \$10 per ton of carbon dioxide emitted from power plants....

Climate Change

Resource Management Agencies Planning For Climate Change Adaptation, GAO Says

Four federal natural resource management agencies have made plans to address climate change adaptation and manage risks to natural resources, the Government Accountability Office said in a report released June 20....

Climate Change

Tax Policy Has Limited Effect on Greenhouse Gas Emission Levels, Research Council Finds

Current federal tax expenditures and subsidies, including those focused on energy, have a limited effect on U.S. greenhouse gas levels, according to report released June 20 by the National Research Council....

Corporate Responsibility

Changes in China Seen to Increase Need for Corporate Social Responsibility

BEIJING, China—A growing sense of environmental awareness among Chinese consumers and communities,

even in the less developed central and western regions, is increasing the need for companies to ensure they stick to their corporate...

Drilling

Canadian Government to Increase Liability For Offshore Oil, Gas Resource Developers

OTTAWA—The Canadian government will introduce legislation to increase the absolute liability of oil and gas companies for environmental damage caused by their operations in the Atlantic and Arctic offshore areas to C\$1 billion (\$980...

Drilling

EPA Says Wyoming to Complete Investigation Of Possible Contamination Near Pavillion

The Environmental Protection Agency said June 20 it will let Wyoming take the lead on investigating a possible case of groundwater contamination from natural gas drilling involving hydraulic fracturing near the town of Pavillion....

Endangered Species

Groups Sue to Overturn Federal Withdrawal Of Plan to List Dunes Lizard as Endangered

Two environmental groups have asked a federal court to nullify a decision of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the dunes sagebrush lizard does not need the protections of the Endangered Species Act (Defenders of Wildlife v. Jewell, D.D.C.,....

Energy

Energy 'New Economic Frontier,'

Boehner Tells Manufacturers Association

House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) pinned the future of U.S. manufacturing on energy resources, but he attacked overregulation as preventing the potential economic boom in remarks June 20 at the annual meeting of the National Association...

Energy

Expert Says Green Procurement by China

Hampered by Lack of Policy Implementation

BEIJING—While China has developed several policies to promote environmentally friendly products for government procurement, their effectiveness has been limited by a lack of legislation, local protectionism, and low levels of...

Energy

Senate Bill Would Repeal Renewable Fuel

Standard; Pressure for Reform Grows

A bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation June 20 that would repeal the renewable fuel standard in its

entirety as congressional scrutiny of the provision requiring billions of gallons of renewable fuels in the motor fuel supply...

Energy

Upton Planning Legislation to Promote Natural Gas as Transportation Fuel

The chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said June 20 that he hopes to introduce legislation in the next couple of months promoting the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel....

Enforcement

California Court Allows Los Angeles Battery Recycler to Resume Operations

LOS ANGELES—A California court has lifted an order issued in April by state hazardous waste regulators that temporarily shut down a battery-recycling facility in Vernon, pending a court hearing in July (Exide Technologies Inc. v....

Enforcement

New Obstruction Charges Filed Against Former BP Executive, Engineer in 2010 Spill

HOUSTON—A federal grand jury in Louisiana has returned superseding indictments against a former BP executive and a former drilling engineer, charging them with new obstruction of Congress and false statement charges stemming from...

Enforcement

Owner of New Jersey Solid Waste Company Sentenced for Illegal Dumping, DOJ Says

The owner of a solid waste management and others were sentenced June 18 and 19 for conspiring to violate two federal laws and for defrauding the United States by illegally dumping thousands of tons of asbestos-contaminated construction debris...

General Policy

EU Parliament, Council Provisionally Agree On Environmental Priorities Through 2020

BRUSSELS—Representatives from the European Parliament and EU Council, which represents the governments of EU member states, reached a provisional agreement June 19 on the Seventh Environment Action Program (7EAP), which sets priorities...

Hazardous Waste

Washington Governor Signs Bill to Expand Scope of Hazardous Waste Cleanup Law

SEATTLE—Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D) has signed into law a bill (S.B. 5296) to expand the scope of the Model Toxics Control Act, which provides for the

investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites....

Insurance

Coverage Denied in Chemical Spill Because Of Late Notice of Incident by Transporter

A petroleum transporter that failed to anticipate the costs of cleaning up a chemical spill would exceed its primary insurance coverage cannot obtain coverage under its excess policy because it failed to report the incident within the policy's...

Mining

Environmental Groups Again Seek Cleanup Responsibility for Selenium at Former Mines

Environmental groups have again asked a federal district court to hold the owners of reclaimed mountaintop removal coal mine sites in Mingo County, W.Va., responsible for ongoing selenium pollution in nearby waterways (Ohio Valley Environmental...

Oceans

Groups Urge Obama, Congress to Protect Ocean Resources, Spur Renewable Energy

Two groups called on President Obama and Congress on June 20 to take action to protect the natural and economic resources of U.S. oceans, including steps to protect oceans from impacts associated with severe weather, and to promote renewable...

Risk Assessment

Draft EPA Paper Finds Tests 'Highly Unlikely' To Miss Problems From Endocrine Disruptors

The current testing strategy the Environmental Protection Agency requires for endocrine disruptors is "highly unlikely" to miss problems people or wildlife would experience following their exposure to such chemicals, the agency...

Risk Assessment

EPA Allots \$4.5 Million for Exposure Research Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency will award up to \$4.5 million over three years for research on methods to understand the extent to which the general population, including vulnerable groups, is exposed to chemicals in consumer products...

Security

Homeland Security to Approve All Chemical Security Plans by 10th Anniversary of CFATS

A Department of Homeland Security official pledged June 20 that the agency would approve all chemical facility security plans by the 10-year anniversary of the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards program. ...

Toxic Substances

Board of Appeal Finds for EU Chemicals Agency in Dispute Over Substance Tests

BRUSSELS—The Board of Appeal of the European Chemicals Agency rejected a request June 19 from the chemical company Dow Benelux to annul a decision requiring it to carry out tests to generate information about the substance dipropylene...

Toxic Substances

European Chemicals Agency Adds Six Substances to List for Possible Phaseout

BRUSSELS—The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has added six chemicals to the REACH list of "substances of very high concern," meaning they could be phased out unless specific authorizations for continued uses in the European...

Trade

Sierra Club Calls for Tough Environmental Rules as U.S.-EU Trade Talks Set to Open

The Sierra Club is urging U.S. and European Union trade negotiators to adopt the strongest environmental standards in upcoming talks for a trans-Atlantic trade deal and to exclude investor settlement provisions that could be used to challenge...

Water Pollution

Florida Commission Approves Numeric Nutrient Standards for 18 More Estuaries

ATLANTA—The Florida Environmental Regulation Commission unanimously approved numeric nutrient criteria June 20 for an additional 18 estuaries and 448 miles of open coastal waters, continuing its process of setting state standards...

Water Pollution

Maryland Waterkeepers Appeal Ruling Upholding Privacy of Farmers' Nutrient Plans

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Eight affiliates of the Waterkeeper Alliance have asked Maryland's highest court to review a recent ruling that individual farmers' identities must be protected from disclosure when their nutrient management...

Water Pollution

North Carolina Enacts Permit-Transfer Measure

RALEIGH, N.C.—State and local agencies in North Carolina may transfer certain environmental permits to new property owners under a bill (H.B. 279) signed June 19 by Gov. Pat McCrory (R). The law allows stormwater runoff permits and...

Water Pollution

State Officials Recommend More Flexibility

In Grants for National Pretreatment Program

States should be given more flexibility in how they provide grants to address state-specific pollutants of concern under the National Pretreatment Program, state water officials recommended in a June 20 letter to the Environmental Protection Agency. For subscription

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Michigan Legislature Passes Legislation

To Reaffirm State Authority Over Wetlands

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan legislature has given final approval to a bill designed to reaffirm Michigan state standards, allowing the state to continue to administer the program. To change your email preferences, visit

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